

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 6, 2015**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 6, 2015 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon and Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

### **PLATTED STREET**

Craig Solomon is concerned about access to the water tower in Milroy. The tower was built on land locked property but property owner Bill Love has given access to the tower. Gary Kent from Schneider Engineering stated that he believes that the street is platted. Attorney Morning will proceed with further investigation.

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Sandy Fussner, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce reported a debut course that teaches how to create a data application. The class is being offered by the Coding Academy at a reduced cost on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the monthly report for his department. Sitton reported that Carthage Pike will be closed starting Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> until approximately September 15<sup>th</sup>; and 400 North between 900 West and 980 West will be closed for 30 days. The first Covered Bridge was damaged by a large vehicle on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Sitton stated that the damage was not structural but the cost of repairs ranges from \$15,000 to \$20,000. No one has been cited for the damage.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported the inmate count at 30 of which 23 are male and 7 female prisoners. There is currently 491 outstanding arrest warrants. The department has four trained reserve officers and an additional three in training. Cowan stated the elimination and prevention of the bedbug infestation continues and that a bedbug dog could be available to inspect the facility.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Leigh Morning presented a contract for Highway employee Eric Elwell who is also a part time employee of the Assessor Office. The contract is for assessing duties paid by the assessor. The employee will be compensated for previous overtime hours accrued while working both positions. Morning suggested that all assessing officials be paid by contract.

Mark Bacon moved to sign the contract with Mr. Elwell. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A contract for the Veteran Service Officer was also presented. Although the VSO is appointed for four years the contract covers compensation for the remainder of this year starting April 25<sup>th</sup>. No action was taken pending notification of VSO Steve Land.

### **EMS**

Emergency Medical Service runs were reported by Raleigh, and Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Mark Bacon moved to approve claims as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll claims were approved. Mark Bacon made the motion to pay payroll. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **HORSE PARK**

Questions regarding the maintenance and insurance of the horse park have arisen. Attorney Morning stated that these issues are the responsibility of the lessee. The question then became, was the lease with 4-H Horse and Pony Club? The auditor will check the lease agreement.

### **RECESS**

Commissioner Levi then called for a brief recess to contract Mr. Land in regard to the Veteran Service Contract. Levi reconvened the meeting. Mark Bacon moved to sign the VSO contract and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

/s/ Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon  
Mark Bacon

/s/ Paul Wilkinson  
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor